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Art Unit 3763

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/718,689; Filed: November 24, 2003
For: **Apparatus and Method for Wire Exchange**
Inventor: Niall Duffy
Our Ref: PA 1543 (1737.2710000)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. An original executed Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) with a copy of the Assignment attached;
2. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Medtronic Vascular, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 3576 Unocal Place, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on October 16, 2003 of an invention known as **Apparatus and Method for Wire Exchange** (Attorney Docket No. PA1543 US (1737.2710000)), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventor Niall Duffy (said application filed on November 24, 2003 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number 10/718,689). *JUN 30 2004
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The Assignee hereby appoints the U.S. attorneys associated with **CUSTOMER NUMBER 28390** to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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PA1543 US (1737.2710000)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Niall Duffy

Application No./Patent No.: 10/718,689 Filed/Issue Date: November 24, 2003

Entitled: Apparatus and Method for Wire Exchange

Medtronic Vascular, Inc., a Corporation
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Signature: Katherine Makesth

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Title: Senior Patent Counsel

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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to the undersigned inventor: Niall Duffy, the undersigned inventor hereby sells and assigns to Medtronic Vascular, Inc. (the Assignee) his entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for past infringement and to collect for all past, present and future damages:

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- for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100),
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(a) in the invention known as Apparatus and Method for Wire Exchange for which application for patent in the United States of America has (have) been executed by the undersigned on 11/25/2003 (also known as United States Application No. 10/718,689, filed 11/24/2003), in any and all applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent(s) therefor, and

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The undersigned inventor agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding application thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such application as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

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The undersigned inventor hereby represents that he has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, executed by the undersigned inventor on the date opposite his name.

Date: 25/11/03

Signature of Inventor:

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